So far as distribution also is concerned, the question has to be considered whether the distribution should be done mainly by the committees or by the Proverthicar himself, or through certain non-official agencies or through licensed dealers. These are points on which Government are hoping to have assistance from you. It would be otiose and supererogatory to discuss anything more fundamental than that, having regard to the shortage that threatens. We cannot allow any person in Travancore to regard any rice or tapioca growing in the soil as the property of any person other than the public at large.

Non-official Business.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE TRANSFERS AND BEQUESTS TO UNBORN PERSONS BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Transfers and Bequests to Unborn Persons Bill be continued.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I second it.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I also move, Sir, that as some of the members of the Select Committee are not now available to the House, the following members be included in the Select Committee :—

Messrs. 1. T. Krishna Pillai,
2. N. Krishna Aiyar.
3. P. R. Godavarma Raja,
4. V. Sankara Menon,
5. Mrs. Abernom Gnanasikhamoney, and
6. K. K. Kuruvilla.

The motions were put and carried and the six members were selected as members of the Committee.

THE TRAVANCORE KAMMALA (VISWAKARMA) BILL.

President: I think that it would be advisable for the honourable member Mr. M. Govindan to move his motion a little later. It has been the practice and the policy of the Government

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[President.]

to deal with this Bill when members representing the opposite views are also present in the House. When there are no such members, Government used to nominate as members, persons holding opposite views. Unfortunately, that has not been done now. No person representing the opposite view is in this House. Therefore it will be necessary for the honourable member to move it in the next meeting of the Council which may take place a couple of months hence.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : But, Sir, the motion for the continuance may be allowed.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*) : Sir, I move that the Travancore Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill be continued.

Mr. G. Nilakantan (*Nominated*) : I second it.

Mr. James Fletcher : Sir, I oppose the motion on certain grounds. This Bill was passed in the other House on the 24th January 1941. It was brought to this House for consideration on 29-1-1941. Then the Bill was kept in suspense for the reason that the Census Report may help us with regard to the name of the Bill. Unfortunately, the Census Report does not help us in any way. Then again Rule 23 of the Sri Chitra State Council Manual states as follows :—

> **"If any Bill which has been passed by one Chamber is not within one year after the passage of the Bill by that Chamber ......"**

President : Obviously I suspend the Standing Order. There is no doubt about it.

Mr. James Fletcher : I do not want to say anything more, Sir.

The motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

DISTRIBUTION OF RICE AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvella cum Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, I desire to move this resolution from a purely practical point of view. "In view of the general dissatisfaction that prevails in the country regarding the distribution of rice and other foodstuffs and to avoid complaints, this Council recommends to Government that instructions be issued to taluk authorities that the newly formed Taluk Committees be called at least once in a fortnight when a detailed account of the work that has been done by way of distribution be placed before that committee." There are three points which I desire to bring to the notice of the

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